

FORM E - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. B, J	Form no. 90
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Location Lexington
Address 2030 Mass. Ave.
Name Simon W. Robinson House
Present use Dwelling
Present owner Jack & Ann Stroninger
Description: Early 1800's c. 1810
Source Federal

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric white clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) _____
Other features Gable roof-twin ridge chimney
Two front dormers-drip moldings -(over)
Altered _____ Date _____
Moved from Harrington Rd Date 1897

5. Lot size:
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 56'
Approximate distance of building from street 20'

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe
Organization Lex. Hist. Com.
Date 9/16/75

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

(Attribution questionable)
In two rooms and a hallway are Rufus Porter murals, painted in the 1840's. All four walls of each room above the chair rail are painted-Lexington Historical Society Archives have colored slides, some overall, some detail shots. Eliz. Reinhardt of Lex. Hist. Commission also has complete set of slides.

Details (cont) 6-paned side-lights at front entrance-post-lintel doorway-engaged doric columns at sides of door-dentil course over door stone foundation.

2 additions in rear: (Both gable roof) one smaller behind the other larger addition on left side (square bay)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Minute-man, Apr 130, 1897, Oct. 22, 1897

Rufus Porter

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community:

Form No:

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Property Name: 2030 Massachusetts Ave

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Contains Rufus Porter murals, first and second floors (see 35 mm slides, Lexington Historical Society).

Simon W. Robinson was the owner in the mid-1850s. On the 1889 map (Walker), H. Wiggin is living here. The house was moved here in 1894-95-96, when Dr. J. Odin Tilton built the house at 11 Harrington Road (see correspondence between S.L. Whipple and present owner Alan Bedford, archives of the Lexington Historical Society).

Before it was moved, in the early 1890s, it was owned by Edward Harold Crosby, theater critic for the Boston Post, whose wife was formerly Medora B. Robbins, daughter of Eli Martin Robbins. They summered in this house, living in Boston during the winter. The house was the scene of many social gatherings of theater people and Brahmins during the Crosby occupancy.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

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